

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-34 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 2, 7-12, and 29-34 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 3-6, 13, 15-17, 19-21, 23-25, 27, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of Matthews (U.S. Patent No. 6,025,837) and Tomita (U.S. Patent No. 6,732,372).

Claims 14, 18, 22, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of Matthews, Tomita, and Kelts (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0112237).

Claims 3-6 are independent.

II. Rejection of Independent Claims 3-6

The Office Action rejects independent claims 3-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of Matthews and Tomita.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that Matthews and Tomita, taken individually or in combination, fail, for example, to disclose, teach, or suggest:

“... one or more icons coordinated with the television channel’s broadcasting, said icons acting as hyperlinks to data relating to a predetermined number of programs recently broadcast on the television channel ...”

as set forth in each of claims 3-6 (emphasis added).

The Office Action, arguing that:

“[s]ince Mathews teaches in the display 112 of figure 5 displays all the television programs of the day, thus if the client/user is watching a particular program at a particular time, as assumed above, then the other the programs at the other time should be previous programs and future programs”

(see Mathews col. 9, lines 14-25)”
(see Office Action p. 3; emphasis added),

contends that such is disclosed by Mathews.

Applicants respectfully observe that the Office Action’s argument seems to be based on the notion that a user is watching an “8:30 PM” program of Fig. 5 and that an “8:00 PM” program of Fig. 5 is therefore a “previous progra[m],” or that a user is watching a “9:00 PM” program of Fig. 5 and that an “8:00 PM” or “8:30 PM” program of Fig. 5 is therefore a “previous progra[m].”

However, Applicants respectfully observe that Mathews fails, for instance, to provide any disclosure, teaching, or suggestion that a user is watching an “8:30 PM” program or a “9:00 PM” program of Fig. 5.

Applicants note, for example, that Mathews merely indicates “MURDER, SHE WROTE,” “BEFORE STARS!,” “THE SINGLE GUY,” and “WW II DOCUMENTARY” to be “8:30 PM” timeslot programs. Mathews fails, for instance, to disclose, teach, or suggest that “MURDER, SHE WROTE,” “BEFORE STARS!,” “THE SINGLE GUY,” or “WW II DOCUMENTARY” is being watched by a user.

As another example, Mathews merely indicates “RESCUE 911,” “THURSDAY NIGHT MOVIE,” “SEINFELD,” and “WW II DOCUMENTARY” to be “9:00 PM” timeslot programs. Mathews fails, for instance, to disclose, teach, or suggest that “RESCUE 911,” “THURSDAY NIGHT MOVIE,” “SEINFELD,” or “WW II DOCUMENTARY” is being watched by a user.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3-6, as well as those claims that depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

III. Dependent Claims

Applicants do not believe it is necessary at this time to further address the rejections of the dependent claims as Applicants believe that the foregoing places the independent claims in condition for allowance. Applicants, however, reserve the right to further address those rejections in the future should such a response be deemed necessary and appropriate.

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IV. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

V. Authorization

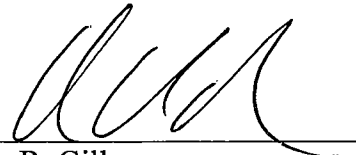
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4042.

Furthermore, in the event that a further extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-noted Deposit Account and Order No.

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